

CLAIM EXEMPTION

A Test to Be Made of the State Insurance Laws

WARRANT FOR THE "GUARANTEE AND
ACCIDENT LLOYD'S" AGENT.

The Concern Alleges That It Is Not Amenable to the Tax Imposed Upon Insurance Companies in the State—Secretary Lamont, Charles S. Fairchild and Other National Characters

Interested.

Insurance Commissioner C. P. Eller's this morning applied to Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Estep for a warrant for the arrest of John C. Claflin, insurance agent, head of the New York Central Railroad, who has an office in the Orle Building, for the purpose of attempting to do an insurance business in violation of the insurance laws. Mr. Stone represents a new concern called the "Orle Building Association of Lloyds," which is not an incorporation, but it is said does business as an association of individuals for the purpose of avoiding the requirements of the insurance laws.

It is stated that the United States are behind the concern. In each policy issued, it is stated that the members "bind themselves severally and not jointly for the true performance of all the conditions of the policy." The names of the fifty names are attached as the several members of the concern, among which appear those of Dan S. Lamont, Secretary of War, and President of the Houston, West Street & Texas Ry. Co.; John Claflin, President of the New York Central Railroad; and H. B. Claflin & Bro.; C. G. Clark, President of the New York Central Railroad; F. H.

The insurance laws of Missouri distinctly specify that no association of individuals shall attempt to conduct an insurance business before they have complied with the requirements under the laws. In most other States the law stops when it specifies that no corporation shall engage in such business, and it was to avoid the requirements of this law that the scheme of association was founded, it is claimed. Commissioner Ellerbe believes that an attempt will be made to have the Missouri law declared unconstitutional, as attempted.

The company are evidently anxious to have a test case made, as a few days ago a representative of theirs from the East arrived for the purpose of getting a decision. Then they sent their attorney, M. W. Dougherty, to call upon Mr. Ellerbe with the information that they proposed to conduct their business in the following manner:—that of the ordinary regulations and that their business would be like him to take the necessary steps to stop them as soon as possible. They offered to allow him access to whatever papers of theirs he needed for the purpose of prosecuting the case.

Their doing business. Mr. Euerbe acknowledged that he would rather have avoided a fight, if possible, as his term will soon expire, and he did not wish to leave a long and difficult suit for his successor in office, but at the same time he objected to being bearded in his own den, and has accordingly taken up the gauntlet.

The policy upon which the warrant was sworn out was one issued to E. B. Thoroughgood. The case is being handled by

STONE'S EXPLANATION.

Mr. Stone's explanation, as given by one of his assistants during his absence, is that he has changed from an assessment company to the Lloyd's underwriting Agency of New York. By this change their lease as individuals, not as a partnership, is terminated. The underwriters not coming under the laws of the State, the court, requiring a partnership to pay a percent of the commissions to the State, he said that the matter had been referred to the Supreme Court, and in its favor by the Supreme Court, and was in two other States. In order to set the matter at rest, he said, he had resigned. Mr. Stone had brought the test case in order to have his position definitely decided.

HYPHODROME OR HURDY-GRUDY.

The Question Submitted to the Circuit Court of Appeals.

A suit was filed in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals this morning by Frank

City, which involves some peculiar points of law. The plaintiff alleges that he was the projector of a circus and hippodrome

for the production of his performance, which is described as being one of very high merit. He advertised it extensively, and was expecting to reap a rich financial harvest when W. S. Jewhard, the Mayor of Kansas City, swooped down upon him, backed by the minions of the law, tore down his signs and broke up his show, at this in spite of the fact that Mr. Jensen had secured a license for which he had paid the sum of \$20. He asked damages in the sum of \$10,000.

broken up by the police. It was alleged, however, that the license had been given under a mistaken view of the matter. The "hippo" was then taken to the city morgue, where it was found to be a "hurdy-gurdy," and Shelly Park was exonerated. This graveyard was situated opposite the city court-house, and when the alleged "hurdy-gurdy" was shown, judges and lawyers found that the commotion seriously disturbed their course of thought. It therefore became necessary to remove it. The "hurdy-gurdy" was in favor of the plaintiff for the sum of \$3,000, and from this an appeal was taken.

A. A. McCall, of Topeka, and J. C. McCall, of Kansas, and others against the Western Union Telegraph Co. The plaintiff stated that he was a resident of Kansas, and that he had sent a

Identified as Augustus Stopt.—The body of the servant girl who went to sleep in her room at the house of her employer, August Kuhn, 3722 South Thirteenth street, leaving the gas turned on, was yesterday identified as that of Augustus Stopt by the police. Stopt, who claimed the body and will bury her, the girl was 20 years old and had been in this country less than two weeks.

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AMUSEMENTS TO-NIGHT.

OLYMPIC—John Drew, GRAND OPERA-HOUSE—Marie Walworth, THE HAGAN—Annie Frier, THE POWER OF THE PRESS—The Power of the Press, THE CRUISE OF THE "CRUISE LUNA", STANFORD—Hyde's Comedians, GEMINIA—Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, SALLY'S WONDERLAND—Holly show.

Weather forecast for thirty-six hours, beginning at 8 p.m. Sunday: For Missouri—Generally fair, northerly winds, shifting to easterly, warmer in western portion. It is much colder this morning in the Ohio Valley, the Lake Region, the Dakotas and Northern Minnesota. The temperature has risen decidedly on and near the North Atlantic Coast and is the extreme Northwest. Chicago has been slight in all other sections. Rain is reported from the South Atlantic states and the Gulf Coast, except Texas, and snow has fallen in the Upper Lake Region, Iowa and Southwestern Missouri. St. Louis forecast: Fair; nearly stationary temperature to-night, followed by warmer.

THE House of Delegates should insist that the dangerous wells and the well question be kept closed.

THE franchise grabe are going through the House of Delegates, but there is still time for the city to garner the fruits of repentance.

PRESIDENT WALBRIDGE's record in the Council suggests that it is just as well that he be absent when the people need protection from jobbery.

SENATORIAL elections by Legislatures are so costly that those bodies are not likely to hold the Senator responsible for making his son a committee clerk.

THE Mayor's veto of several salary increase bills shows that the fact that an administration is about to go out is sometimes an advantage in more than one way.

"NO DEMAGOGIC politician need apply"—the rule which Mr. Cleveland has adopted with regard to the Pension Commission is good for general application.

If Judge Ricka wants to be a legislator he should run for Congress or the State Legislature. But perhaps the corporations think he can do better service in enacting new laws where he is.

EX-PRESIDENT HARRISON is said to be at work on a treatise on the tariff. He is not the "uninstructed economist" he was four years ago, but it remains to be seen whether he profited by the campaign of education.

THAT decision of Secretary Smith's that a railway company is not entitled to lands it claims is a shocking departure from precedent. What are we coming to if monopolists are not allowed to have all they want?

JUDGE DALLAS of the United States Circuit Court at Philadelphia decides that the Sugar Trust need not tell the public any of its secrets even if called on by the District Attorney. The trust seems to be under the "protection" of the court, but where is the receiver?

THE first Democratic embarrassment which the outgoing party chuckled over has disappeared. There is plenty of free gold in the Treasury, and there seems to be enough gold all over the country. It is no longer interesting to know what Heidelberg, Ickelheimer & Co. are sending out.

It will probably always be an unsolved mystery why men leave lucrative employment to go to Washington, hang around the White House and departments like famished mendicants, and beg for odd jobs which in many cases do not pay as well as the business they have abandoned.

It is claimed that anhydrous ammonia cars can be run at one-quarter less expense than the cars of the trolley system. In some recent trial trips in New York the results were very satisfactory. As the anhydrous ammonia cars require no poles or wires there seems to be a great opening for them.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND will not appoint any of his own relatives to office, but the rule does not apply to relatives of ex-President Harrison. The ex-President's brother, Mr. J. Scott Harrison, a good man and a life-long Democrat, is said to be a candidate for Surveyor of the Port of Kansas City, and it is very likely that the

new President will give his claims full consideration. COL. AINSWORTH who, it is said, will be made Pension Commissioner, is without political opinions. Like Artemus Ward's showman, he "has no principles." The Administration, however, will be held responsible for his management of the office, and it is probably not apprehensive.

It is very easy for the gentlemen of the Reform Club to run the country because they do not have to encounter any practical difficulties in the course of their thinking.

In this respect they have a distinct advantage over Secretary Carlisle and the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, who are not permitted to think in vacuo.

THE growth of the Agricultural Department under Secretary Ruess may be inferred from the fact that the annual payroll has been reduced \$125,000 since his departure. Uncle Jerry must have hired everybody who came along and it was very good of him to do so, because he didn't have to pay any one from his own pocket.

UNFAIR REVISION METHODS. Not only in the method of doing the work but also in the manner of notifying those whose names are struck from the lists is the present system of revising the registration open to criticism. The law provides that the names struck off by the Board of Revision shall be published in a newspaper, where the victims may or may not see them. Usually the newspaper which contracts to do this sort of publication is an obscure sheet with a small circulation, but this merely emphasizes the folly of the method for if the circulation was the largest and if the list were published in every newspaper in the city the fact that every voter would have to read every name appearing in such publication in order to be sure that he was not disfranchised stamps the method at once as impractical, unjust and unbusinesslike.

How many citizens are there who, secure in the knowledge of the right to vote and of their proper registration, think to read the list of rejected names? What fairness is there to compel all voters to run the risk of not being notified that they have been wrongfully deprived of a right by official action? The publication method is unjust to citizens and favors fraud and partisan sharp practice in disfranchising legal voters. It gives opportunities for gross wrongs and occasions wrangles and protests which discredit the whole system of revision.

The only method of notification which meets the requirements of the case is the direct method. Citizens who are threatened with disfranchisement are entitled to direct and certain official information of such action, so that they may be heard and have some opportunity to prevent any wrongful attempt to deprive them of the privilege of voting. They are clearly entitled to this direct notification in ample time to defend their rights if unjustly assailed. It would be a simple and cheap matter for the Board of Revision to have notices sent direct to citizens who are reported as improperly registered or otherwise ineligible to vote, with a request to show cause why they should not be disfranchised.

Fully as important as guarding the ballot-box against illegal and fraudulent voters is the guarding of the rights of those entitled to vote. Under the present crude and impractical methods of revision neither seems to be effectively done.

GIVE HIM A SEAT ON THE FLOOR. In modern conditions it is almost impossible for a body of men like the Municipal Assembly to grant franchises intelligently, not to say honestly, without considerable advice and assistance from technical engineering and electrical experts. This was well illustrated during the debate on the Bell Telephone subway ordinance, when members of the Council pleaded ignorance of these matters and held that they were therefore obliged to rely upon the information vouchsafed by representatives of the company.

Technical testimony, however, may be expert, incomplete or biased. In order to bring out the whole truth the city should be able to command the services of experts competent to at least criticize the statements made in behalf of private companies seeking public privileges.

This might be accomplished by giving the President of the Board of Public Improvements a seat on the floor of the Council, there to take part in debate like the Comptroller and be ready to publicly expose the falsity or confirm the truth of interested pleas. In the case of the Comptroller this is expressly provided for in the charter, and although no specific provision is made with reference to other officers it seems to follow from art. 4, sec. 42, of the charter that an ordinance would be sufficient for the purpose. This reads as follows: "The Municipal Assembly shall provide by ordinance such additional duties and requirements from the Board of Public Improvements and its several members as it may deem necessary, and for the appointment by them of such assistants as the demands of the several departments may require."

Had the President of the board been present while the telephone and similar ordinances were pending, the debate would have been a technical discussion. The claims and assertions of the companies might have been thoroughly overhauled and material information brought out. The opposition would not have

beaten the air with fruitless protests, nor would the advocates of the measures have had the convenient plea of ignorance to excuse their complacency. The President of the Board of Public Improvements should have a seat on the floor of the Council.

THE FAIR AND THE FAIR. To the masculine mind there is something alarming in the prominence acquired by the feminine class at the World's Fair. It looks as if woman is preparing to crowd man out. There is a possibility that masculine safety lies only in the dissensions incident to feminine organization.

A library is to be shown at the Fair containing all the books in the world that have been written by women. There are to be concerts by woman musicians, orchestras of women and matinee musicales and associations of women. In the 100 congresses that are to be held women will appear to discuss the progress and purposes of civilization, and one congress is to be composed entirely of women.

In connection with the Columbian gathering it is asserted that there are 45 national organizations of women in the United States, 12 in England, 8 in Germany, 2 in France and 2 in Finland. Only Spain, Russia, Turkey and a few other countries seem to have escaped the great feminine wave.

With the start which the sex will get through the Fair, there can be no estimating what it may accomplish. But, if man is in the way, he must be prepared to move on. The time may be near when his services will no longer be required beyond what he can do in agriculture or in certain manufacturing lines which may not be to the taste of the all-pervading ladies. Let him, meanwhile, watch the course of events and be ready for whatever may come.

In the Illinois Legislature last Wednesday a member of the Lower House was literally dragged from his seat on the floor, taken to the lobby and there offered \$100 by the railroad people to vote their way on a bill then pending. He went back to his seat undecided as to his course, but quickly made up his mind when he learned that a fellow-member had refused \$1,000 for the same service. Evidently the railroad lobbyists in Illinois have much to learn. They should study the methods of their Missouri brothers, those courtly gentlemen who never do anything unseemly, and who are noted as models of quiet good breeding. They never try to "fix" a member after the proceedings begin because they always "fix" him outside and like loyal students of political economy they know that two prices cannot obtain in the same market for the same commodity. They are clear-headed, precise and sure-footed and always "get their" with the booty. They are nice fellows, too, whom it is a pleasure for legislators to know.

It is now said with some appearance of authority that an extra session of Congress will be called to meet in September or October. Although Secretary Carlisle repudiates the idea of an administration bill, there is little doubt that he will mold the measure introduced by the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. It is fortunate for the country at this time that a man on the ground who knows enough of finance to frame a bill on revenue lines rather than for protection only. So tangled has the situation become that only the most skilled thinkers on such subjects are equal to the emergency.

A CONGRESSMAN, by constant practice, may come to lift himself by his bootstraps, but how he is to have Republican friends retained in the departments and at the same time provide places for Democratic constituents it will puzzle him to explain. It is doubtless the opinion of Congressmen and their friends in both parties that this Government will never get on as it should until a few hundred thousand more offices can be created.

When it was proposed to reduce the wages of the single women in a New York dry goods store in order that the pay of the married men employed there might be raised, it was discovered that these single women were supporting more people than the married men. And this is not surprising. Men have cheap and a smart woman can dress inexpensively. It is much easier to depend upon the earnings of an industrious woman than to trust to the uncertainties of an impecunious man, who needs for himself pretty much all he gets out of his job.

THE Countess of Cathness, who believes in the theory of reincarnation, is perfectly satisfied that the soul of her ancestors, Mary, Queen of Scots, lives again in her body. This is all very well and can do no harm as long as the soul of Queen Elizabeth doesn't come back and be reincarnated. With a reincarnated Mary and Elizabeth chancing to meet on the promenade there might be some royal clapping of hands that would call for the immediate attention of the police. Let us have no old quarrels renewed through our theosophy.

REMARKS continued to make suggestions as to how the German Government should be managed, instead of taking the rest which his Emperor would like to see him enjoying. That much-worried monarch should send the old man a free pass to the Columbian Exposition with remark upon the importance of being on hand a week or two before the show opens.

THE 3,707 women who are farming in Michigan should be encouraged by the Agricultural Department. If their Congressmen do not forward the seeds promptly every neglectful statesman should be elaborately censured in an italic appendix to the Department's report.

The original ordinance of secession passed by South Carolina is said to be in Chicago. It should be pasted up at the Columbian Exposition along with a brief account of the recent rebellion in Kansas.

The Georgia preacher who has threatened to "stamp the feathers of Sam Jones," will not succeed in terrifying that good man. Mr. Jones will not miss his feathers when he gets his new wings.

THERE is a marked absence of whiskers among the members of the Wholesale Grocers' Association. The grocers are evidently in love with the new Administration.

THERE is a boarding-house and a saloon next to an Indianapolis coffin factory. Unless the factory is very carefully managed, it ought to be making good dividends.

Minister Eustis. The appointment of ex-Senator Eustis as Minister to France could hardly be bettered. Mr. Eustis is one of the most accomplished of the men who have recently sat in the Senate. He was a leader of the bar in Louisiana, a professor of civil law in its university, a strong debater and a widely read man in the history of American statesmanship and diplomacy. He has lived many years in France, is a master of the French tongue and has a wide acquaintance with diplomats from all parts of the world. Of a generation of American Ministers at Paris, he is without question the best equipped man for the place. Personally he is a courtly, clever, rich, hospitable man of the world. The American people do not know him, but Minister Eustis and the Frenchmen will like him. If Mr. Cleveland will fill all his posts as well as he has filled the French mission he will have a diplomatic corps of which he may well be proud. For Mr. Eustis is not only that but he is intensely American, and while he will charm those with whom he comes into contact socially, he will ably and intelligently do his duty by the country he represents.

A Prize Winner. From the Baker Hill (Ill.) Advance. Miss Nellie Turk, who for the past year has been setting type in the Advance office, is the winner of one of the first weekly prizes offered by the Post-Dispatch of St. Louis. She successfully answered one of the fifty text puzzles and will have as a reward a one trip to the World's Fair, with all expenses paid while in the city of Chicago. The terms of the prize allow her to take with her a friend also. Miss Irene Turk, her sister, will accompany her. To our friends who are unacquainted with Miss Nellie we are glad to say that she is a bright blonde of 17 summers, who is making rapid progress in her chosen profession. The remainder of the Advance force will at once subscribe for the Post-Dispatch and begin a more thorough study of the Bible in the hope of getting a trip to the World's Fair at the expense of the same paper. This does not apply to the editor-in-chief, who is already booked for a trip.

A Phenomenal Reformer. From the Chicago Herald. Henry George is, without question, the most phenomenal reformer of the age. On Saturday he declined to ventilate his theories of taxation before the St. Louis Merchants' Exchange on the ground that business men do not want to hear of his theories, and he did not regard it as the proper time and place to expound his doctrines. It is the first instance on record that a man with a theory has acknowledged the precedence of business. There is hope for the country yet.

MEM OF MARK. SENATOR FREE will deliver the eulogy on Blaine in Boston May 3.

OLIVER WITHELL HOLMES prolongs his life by conforming strictly to rigid rules of health and diet.

EX-SENATOR CARLISLE is said to be so fond of the game of solitaire that he often indulges in it while at work.

SINCE the production of "Faust" Verdi has received more than 10,000 letters and telegrams of congratulation.

The central figure of Gen. Lew Wallace's new novel is an altogether original variation of the "Wonderful Jew."

The Marquis of Camden comes of age to-day. His father died when he was 2 months old and his long minority has enormously increased the value of the vast estate he will come into.

EX-CONGRESSMAN BLOWN of Georgia, who was in Congress for twenty years, furnished the "Congressional Directory" with a biographical sketch of himself less than four lines in length to pay monopolistic prices for them.

The young Khedive of Egypt is not only the proprietor of a large stock farm, but is a good judge of cattle. He knows all the breeds of milk cows and is thoroughly posted on feeds, milk and butter.

It has been said of Edward B. Whitney, the new Assistant Attorney-General, that if he knows as much about the law of the land as his father, Prof. Whitney, knows about the laws of language the country is safe.

WOMEN OF THE WORLD. MISS STOLIA ROSENTHAL, whose volume of short stories, "Old Ways and New," has attracted considerable attention, has abandoned her intention of becoming an actress, and will devote her future to literary work.

MISS FANNIE J. SPARKS, who was sent out to India as a missionary of the Methodist Church in 1870, is lecturing on her experience in that country in eastern cities. She had charge of a girl's orphanage at Bareilly, in Northwest India.

Mrs. Dow, who owns and manages street interests in Dorset, N. H., is said to be not only a business woman, but a skilled housewife, a judicious mother, a fine swimmer and the owner of property worth \$200,000.

WHILE Emin Pasha's fate and even his whereabouts are matters of uncertainty, his little daughter Ferida still remains at Bagamoyo, whither she made her way years ago from Wadai in a half-starved condition and worn out with fatigue.

Mrs. GREENHAM, the wife of the Secretary of State, said at a tea not long ago: "I trust the newspapers will not begin to publish accounts of my extraordinary abilities and talents, for I haven't any. The Judge doesn't like extraordinary women."

THERE was for many years a legend in France that the late Mrs. Grey, widow of the ex-President of the Republic, was workwoman's apprentice when she married the struggling barrister who was destined for great political honors. As a matter of fact her father was a tanner who was at one time comfortably well off in the world's goods. She was very pretty when young.

And Then There's Hoke. From the Boston Globe. Scott Wile of Illinois has applied for the position of controller of the currency and Joshua J. Hoke of Iowa has been named a collectorship. This is a great year for names.

By Proxy. From the Detroit Free Press. Trivette: "Do you keep Lent, Dicer?" Dicer: "No, but I make my watch observe it." "How so?" "A having it fast."

THE PEOPLE'S FORUM. All communications to this department must be written on one side of the sheet only.

What Taxes Should Be Abolished. To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch: What taxes does "Uncle Tom" wish to "abolish" is the query of "M. D. M." It has distinctly been stated before that the writer proposes to abolish all taxes whatsoever.

He would not tax the products of labor in any shape or form; he would not tax the merchant, the baker, the butcher and the grocer; he would not tax income, stocks, bonds and money, in fact he would not tax anything that could run away, be a profit on the thousands the rich man largely escapes taxation.

It is a notorious fact that large properties are under assessed except in the cases of widows and orphans whose executors have no pecuniary interest in the estate. Personal property can only be reached in the case of the honest, while those who "swear off" escape.

If the rich man is in business he adds the taxes to the price of his goods. The manufacturer charges his tax to the wholesaler, he in turn to the retailer, and the latter shifts his own and the tax of the other two to the consumer, who pays it all.

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Uncle Tom. "M. D. M." ought to know that production of the article enters into the hands of the consumer, and the so-called middleman—be he rich or poor—in the last resort pays the bulk of the tax. The dealer in the street pays the bulk of the tax. The dealer in the street pays the bulk of the tax.

The Masters and the Masses. To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch: "M. D. M." intimates that the "masters," our present law-makers, are immeasurably superior to the masses of the people. I take issue with him on this point. I think inferior to the masses of the people.

The People of St. Louis four years ago elected Mayor and Councilmen, for certain deacons of the church, for certain deacons of the church, for certain deacons of the church, for certain deacons of the church.

They are running on Both Tickets. To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch: Your paper is the recognized champion of the people of this city, and still you say nothing about the rotten city hall push which has had this city by the throat the past four years. I will not accuse you of being influenced by their friends who are now running the city, but I will accuse you of being too honest to see the great paper of the people keeping quiet and saying nothing about the city hall push.

I have been a Democrat all of my life, but I shall certainly vote the Republican ticket this year. I have been a Democrat all of my life, but I shall certainly vote the Republican ticket this year.

Life Long Democrat. No Ride, No Pay. To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch: Will you inform a subscriber as to the following question:

Has the Union Depot Car Line the right to collect car fare, and being unable to run cars, refuse to return the fare?

The undersigned this morning boarded a car on Autumn street. I had barely gotten control of my breath, as a result of my effort to get on the car, when the driver, who was a colored man, stopped the car and ran.

Scallin's "fresh importations" tapped me on the shoulder for fare. Immediately after the car started running, I asked the conductor to refund the money, which he refused to do. I then asked him to refund the money, which he refused to do.

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AN HISTORIC ROCK WHICH RISES FROM THE SEA OFF THE IRISH COAST.

Special Correspondence POST-DISPATCH. DUBLIN, March 14.—I wonder how many Americans ever visited the famous Skellig of the Southwest coast of Ireland? They are the most southerly extensions of Ireland; are three in number; and lie in a direct line southward from Port Magee. The first, and the least, is called Lamoon Rock. It is a round, solid mass rising only a few feet above the water. The second and next larger is called Little, or Lesser, Skellig, and is a craggy grouping of rocky pinnacles, standing grim and black against the sky; as though some far deeper than the wondrous steeples had been sundered, starting above the waves their mighty Gothic spires, among which millions of sea-birds had found their desolate homes.

